FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S1150**
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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee
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SUBJECT:	Catawba Indian Tribe - Gaming

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:
$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:
See Below

BILL SUMMARY:
The proposed Bill allows the Catawba Indian Tribe to conduct Class II electronic bingo gaming at a single tribe facility located in Orangeburg County.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:
State Law Enforcement Division – SLED
SLED estimates it will need to hire and equip four agents at a total cost of $407,351 to implement the provisions of this Bill. Of this amount, $159,600 represents non-recurring cost for vehicles and law enforcement equipment. According to Section 27-16-280 of the Bill, the Lottery Commission annually shall make an assessment sufficient to compensate the State for reasonable and necessary costs of regulating gaming operations and conducting law enforcement investigations pursuant to this chapter. Therefore, there should be no cost to the General Fund of the State.

Further, Section 27-16-300 of the Bill provides that revenues from the gaming activities are to be used for actual costs of operations of state, county, and local governmental agencies required as a result of Class II gaming in Orangeburg County.

Administrative Law Court
The Administrative Law Court cannot determine a fiscal impact for this Bill. However, any impact on the agency would be covered with revenue as referenced in Section 27-16-280 of the Bill.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:
Any impact on local expenditures would be covered with revenue as referenced in section 27-16-300 of the Bill.

Approved by:

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